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1. PASS TO MEL WHITE. SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON UR FY 76 SUPPLEMENTAL IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE SUPPLEMENTAL EST. 4,740,000; HOUSE ALLOWANCE 4,740,000; COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 5,740,000: THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AN APPROPRIATION OF 5,740,000 DOLS INCREASING THE BUDGET ESTIMATE AND HOUSE ALLOWANCE BY 1,000,000 DOLS FOR ADDITIONAL GRANTS TO AMERICAN SAMOA. BECAUSE OF AN EXTENSIVE DROUGHT, ELECTRICAL FAILURES AND RELATED ECONOMIC SETBACKS, AMERICAN SAMOA HAS SUFFERED A SEVERE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM AND UNEXPECTEDLY SHARP LOSSES IN LOCAL TAX REVENUES. THE COMMITTEE HAS RECOMMENDED AN ADDITIONAL 1,000,000 DOLS TO COVER BADLY NEEDED ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND PARTIALLY TO RESTORE REDUCED SUPPORT FOR EDUCATIONAL AND HEALTH PROGRAMS UNQUOTE. CHECKED WITH CLERK ON ABOVE INTENTION IN COMMITTEE LANGUAGE. WHAT HE SAID IS THAT TO AVOID A REPROGRAMMING FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION THE AMOUNT ADDED FOR ROADS TO FREE UP LOCAL REVENUE FROM OPERATIONS WOULD BE AT UR DISCRETION AND NOT TIED SPECIFICALLY TO 561,000 REQUESTED. THE BALANCE OF ONE MILLION THEN WAS TO BE ADDED TO UR TOTAL INTERIOR BA FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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HEALTH AND EDUCATION AS NEEDED. PER H. GALLAGHER.

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